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12 RECORDING COMPANY; UMG RECORDINGS,
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14 AMERICA, INC.

15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
16 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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18 WARNER BROS. RECORDS INC., a Delaware corporation; INTERSCOPE RECORDS, a California general partnership; MAVERICK RECORDING COMPANY, a California joint venture; UMG RECORDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation; BMG MUSIC, a New York general partnership; and VIRGIN RECORDS AMERICA, INC., a California corporation,

COPY CASE NO. _____

19 Plaintiffs,
20 v.
21 JOHN DOE #2,
22 Defendant.

COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT
INFRINGEMENT

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1 1. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for copyright infringement
2 under the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*).
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4 2. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*; 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal
5 question); and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) (copyright).
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7 3. Venue in this District is proper. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1400(a). Although the true
8 identity of Defendant John Doe #2 (“Defendant”) is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, on information
9 and belief, Defendant may be found in this District and/or a substantial part of the acts of infringement
10 complained of herein occurred in this District. On information and belief, personal jurisdiction in this
11 District is proper because Defendant, without consent or permission of the copyright owner,
12 disseminated over the Internet copyrighted works owned and/or controlled by Plaintiffs. On
13 information and belief, such illegal dissemination occurred in every jurisdiction in the United States,
14 including this one. In addition, Defendant contracted with an Internet Service Provider (“ISP”) found
15 in this District to provide Defendant with the access to the Internet which facilitated Defendant’s
infringing activities.
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PARTIES

17 4. Plaintiff Warner Bros. Records Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under
the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.
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19 5. Plaintiff Interscope Records is a California general partnership, with its principal place
of business in the State of California.
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21 6. Plaintiff Maverick Recording Company is a joint venture between SR/MDM Venture
Inc. and Maverick Records LLC, organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with
22 its principal place of business in the State of California.
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24 7. Plaintiff UMG Recordings, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the
laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.
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26 8. Plaintiff BMG Music is a general partnership duly organized and existing under the
laws of the State of New York, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.
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9. Plaintiff Virgin Records America, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

10. The true name and capacity of Defendant are unknown to Plaintiffs at this time. Defendant is known to Plaintiffs only by the Internet Protocol (“IP”) address assigned to Defendant by his or her ISP on the date and time of Defendant’s infringing activity. See Exhibit A. Plaintiffs believe that information obtained in discovery will lead to the identification of Defendant’s true name.

COUNT I

INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHTS

11. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.

12. Plaintiffs are, and at all relevant times have been, the copyright owners or licensees of exclusive rights under United States copyright law with respect to certain copyrighted sound recordings, including, but not limited to, all of the copyrighted sound recordings on Exhibit A to this Complaint (collectively, these copyrighted sound recordings shall be identified as the “Copyrighted Recordings”). Each of the Copyrighted Recordings is the subject of a valid Certificate of Copyright Registration issued by the Register of Copyrights to each Plaintiff as specified on each page of Exhibit A.

13. Among the exclusive rights granted to each Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are the exclusive rights to reproduce the Copyrighted Recordings and to distribute the Copyrighted Recordings to the public.

14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, has continuously used, and continues to use, an online media distribution system to download and/or distribute to the public certain of the Copyrighted Recordings. Exhibit A identifies the IP address with the date and time of capture and a list of copyrighted recordings that Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, downloaded and/or distributed to the public. Through his or her continuous and ongoing acts of downloading and/or distributing to the public the Copyrighted Recordings, Defendant has violated Plaintiffs' exclusive rights of reproduction and distribution. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and/or exclusive

1 rights under copyright. (In addition to the sound recordings listed on Exhibit A, Plaintiffs are informed
2 and believe Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, continuously downloaded
3 and/or distributed to the public additional sound recordings owned by or exclusively licensed to
4 Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' affiliate record labels, and Plaintiffs believe that such acts of infringement are
5 ongoing. Exhibit A includes the currently-known total number of audio files being distributed by
6 Defendant.)

7 15. Plaintiffs have placed proper notices of copyright pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 401 on each
8 respective album cover of each of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A. These notices of
9 copyright appeared on published copies of each of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A. These
10 published copies were widely available, and each of the published copies of the sound recordings
11 identified in Exhibit A was accessible by Defendant.

12 16. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the foregoing acts of infringement have been
13 willful, intentional, and in disregard of and with indifference to the rights of Plaintiffs.

14 17. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and exclusive rights
15 under copyright, Plaintiffs are entitled to statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c) against
16 Defendant for each infringement of each copyrighted recording. Plaintiffs further are entitled to their
17 attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

18 18. The conduct of Defendant is causing and, unless enjoined and restrained by this Court,
19 will continue to cause Plaintiffs great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated or
20 measured in money. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502 and
21 503, Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from further infringing Plaintiffs'
22 copyrights, and ordering that Defendant destroy all copies of copyrighted sound recordings made in
23 violation of Plaintiffs' exclusive rights.

1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

2 1. For an injunction providing:

3 "Defendant shall be and hereby is enjoined from directly or indirectly
4 infringing Plaintiffs' rights under federal or state law in the Copyrighted
5 Recordings and any sound recording, whether now in existence or later
6 created, that is owned or controlled by Plaintiffs (or any parent,
7 subsidiary, or affiliate record label of Plaintiffs) ("Plaintiffs'
8 Recordings"), including without limitation by using the Internet or any
9 online media distribution system to reproduce (*i.e.*, download) any of
Plaintiffs' Recordings or to distribute (*i.e.*, upload) any of Plaintiffs'
Recordings, except pursuant to a lawful license or with the express
authority of Plaintiffs. Defendant also shall destroy all copies of
Plaintiffs' Recordings that Defendant has downloaded onto any
computer hard drive or server without Plaintiffs' authorization and shall
destroy all copies of those downloaded recordings transferred onto any
physical medium or device in Defendant's possession, custody, or
control."

10 2. For statutory damages for each infringement of each Copyrighted Recording
11 pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504.

12 3. For Plaintiffs' costs in this action.

13 4. For Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein.

14 5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

16 Dated: September 20, 2007

HOLME ROBERTS & OWEN LLP

17 By: 

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EXHIBIT A**JOHN DOE # 2**

IP Address: 130.212.156.68 2007-04-21 08:43:15 EDT

CASE ID# 126277555**P2P Network:** Gnutella**Total Audio Files:** 202

<u>Copyright Owner</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Recording Title</u>	<u>Album Title</u>	<u>SR#</u>
Warner Bros. Records Inc.	Green Day	Waiting	Warning	288-352
Interscope Records	Eminem	Superman	Eminem Show	317-924
Warner Bros. Records Inc.	Red Hot Chili Peppers	By The Way	By The Way	316-878
Maverick Recording Company	Michelle Branch	Here With Me	The Spirit Room	303-732
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Aqua	Barbie Girl	Aquarium	243-903
BMG Music	NSYNC	God Must Have Spent A Little More Time on You	*NSYNC	252-748
Warner Bros. Records Inc.	Red Hot Chili Peppers	Road Trippin'	Californication	174-922
Virgin Records America, Inc.	UB40	Can't Help Falling In Love	Promises And Lies	186-039
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Nelly feat. Kelly Rowland	Dilemma	Nellyville	315-537